

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Pithy Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Miss Mollie Spann, of Sumter, visiting Mrs. S. M. Mills.

Allison, youngest son of Dr. J. H. Thornwell, matriculated at Clemson College last week.

As yet we have heard of no contributions being made by citizens of this community to the Galveston storm sufferers.

The 1-year-old son of Mr. W. H. Parks died of diphtheria Saturday morning and was buried in the cemetery at this place Sunday morning.

Capt. and Mrs. S. E. White returned to Fort Mill Saturday evening, after a sojourn of several weeks at Hot Springs, N. C. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. M. Odell, of Concord, N. C.

A gust of wind last Wednesday afternoon blew down and slightly damaged the tent under which religious services have been conducted at the head of Main street for several days. The tent was quickly repaired, however, and the accident did not interfere with the services of that evening.

In this issue of The Times Ed. W. Mellon & Co., of Charlotte, N. C., tell of the serviceable boys' clothing which they are now offering the public. This is one of the most reputable firms in Charlotte, and readers of this paper who shop in that city should give them their patronage.

On the plantation of Mr. D. A. Lee, in this township, 1,389 pounds of cotton were picked by his five sons one day last week. The sons are B. M., aged 20 years; Frank, aged 16 years; Robert, aged 14 years; Tom, aged 11 years; and Sam, aged 7 years. They picked 343, 291, 334, 311, and 110 pounds, respectively.

Mr. T. B. Belk has an interesting advertisement in another column of this week's issue. Farmers and others who have produce, etc., for sale should read that part of the advertisement in which Mr. Belk tells of his wants, and everybody would find it to their interest to look into the bargains which he is offering in all lines of merchandise which he carries in stock.

Misses Kittie Kirkpatrick and Louise McMurray left this morning for Rock Hill, to enter the first-year class at Winthrop College. A few weeks ago Miss Kirkpatrick was awarded one of the two competitive scholarships to which York county is entitled at Winthrop. She is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Kirkpatrick and is an usually bright young lady, having stood first in her classes during the entire time she attended the public school in Fort Mill.

Mr. H. C. Quinn, who has superintended the construction of the county bridge across Catawba River at Sutton's ferry, informs us that the bridge is finished and will be open to the public as soon as the approaches are built, which will likely consume no more than two weeks' time. As yet, the public road from Fort Mill to the bridge has not been surveyed, but it is understood that a surveyor has been employed to do the work and will begin at once. Immediately after the road is surveyed, considerable work will be done on it by the county chain gang.

The indications are that the lectures which are to be delivered in the town hall Friday evening by Dr. J. H. Thornwell and Rev. R. A. Yongue for the benefit of the military company will be largely attended. The subject of Dr. Thornwell's lecture will be "Glimpses of Europe," while Mr. Yongue has selected as the theme of his lecture, "The Soldier." Unusual efforts are being made by the members of the company to dispose of the admission tickets which have been issued them, and a great many have been sold. As was stated last week, arrangements have been made with the Gold Hill orchestra to furnish music for the occasion, and it has been decided to give a drill by a number of the members of the military company. All who attend are assured an evening of pleasure and profit. The price of admission is 15 cents.

Homicide in Rock Hill. Special to The State.

Rock Hill, Sept. 15.—A terrible tragedy, behind which it is supposed there lies a scandal, was enacted here this morning at about 1.30 o'clock. Mr. H. A. Brown, (Harry Brown) the well known painter, was shot twice while in his bed at his home. The deed was done by a well-dressed man who called up Mr. Brown's brother-in-law, Mr. Neel, and asked to see Brown about some painting. When the door was opened and Mr. Neel started back to wake Brown the man followed him in and as soon as he caught sight of his victim, rushed up and at close range fired two balls into him. The first shot struck in the side and ranging down lodged in the bowels. The second shot was diverted by Mr. Neel, who caught the assassin's arm and disarranged his aim. This shot shattered Brown's arm. The man then rushed out, jumped into the waiting carriage and was driven rapidly away. There was another white man in the carriage. Brown died at 6 o'clock this morning.

Brown was an Englishman whose family is good. His brothers are artists of ability and have for 20 or more years been connected with the "Graphic," "Black and White," and other high class journals. Twelve years ago he married Miss Jennie Neel, a daughter of Mr. Preston A. Neel, and a grand daughter of Gen. Wm. Neel, of Mecklenburg county, N. C. She with four children survive him.

The inquest was begun today. At the adjournment no direct evidence as to the identity of Brown's slayer had come out. The circumstantial evidence was such that Acting Coroner Beckham phoned the sheriff at Yorkville and ordered the arrest of Mr. Paul R. Bratton and a colored driver named Will Caldwell. It came out that Thursday night Brown had been in Yorkville and while there had a difficulty with Paul Bratton's brother, John S. Bratton. This morning at 1 o'clock Paul Bratton came across the country in a closed surrey, driven by Caldwell, and upon reaching here made inquiry for Brown's residence. Caldwell also said Mr. Bratton came to see Painter Brown and that he "had to see him tonight." The carriage containing Mr. Bratton and another man, whose identity has not been ascertained, drove rapidly in the direction of Brown's residence and in a half hour or less returned and drove rapidly away from town towards Yorkville. The witness who had talked with Mr. Bratton and knew him, also saw the carriage return and recognized it as the same and the driver to be Caldwell.

The coroner adjourned the inquest until tomorrow at 10 o'clock to have the jury hear the evidence of the colored driver, Caldwell. In Brown's ante-mortem statement he said the shooting was done by one of three men, viz: Aury Crockett, Gale, or Bratton himself. (Evidently referring to John S. Bratton with whom it is understood he had a difficulty Thursday night.) Later after those in the room had spoken of Paul Bratton being in town, Brown was asked three times if Paul Bratton shot him. Each time he made a sound considered by the witnesses as being an affirmative answer. Mr. Neel, the brother-in-law of Brown, did not know the man who did the shooting and has not seen Bratton. Brown's body was taken through the country to Steele Creek church yard in Mecklenburg county, Mrs. Brown's old home, where the interment will take place.

Rock Hill, Sept. 16.—The coroner's inquest as to the killing of Harry A. Brown was resumed at 10 o'clock today. Only two witnesses were examined, one of whom was important. In the evidence of Will Caldwell, colored, who drove with Mr. Paul Bratton from Yorkville, the identity of the other man in the carriage was brought out.

Caldwell swore that the men with him were Paul R. Bratton and Jno. S. Bratton. That he did

not know what they came for. That they drove around town and made stops at as many as three points endeavoring to find Brown's residence. Finding it the carriage stopped about 100 yards from the house; that both Brattons went to the house, in about 10 minutes heard "two shots." Afterwards the two men came back and got into the carriage. When asked if there was anything said about what had occurred, Caldwell said: "Mr. Johnnie said he had shot Brown." Caldwell made this statement twice. After the shooting he drove the Messrs. Bratton back to Yorkville.

The case was given to the jury a few minutes after noon and they reached a verdict in about half an hour. The finding was "That H. A. Brown came to his death by a pistol shot from the hands of Paul R. Bratton and that John S. Bratton was accessory thereto."

Gold Hill Items.

Editor Times: The health of this section is very good at present, with the exception of Uncle Tommie Merritt, who is quite sick with erysipelas. His attending physician is Dr. Lonnie Anderson.

Mr. W. E. Kimbrell and daughter, Miss Tishie, returned home last week from a visit to relatives in Arkansas.

Mr. Dave Lindsay has the contract for the erection of an eight-room dwelling for Mr. L. S. Nivens.

Miss Carrie Smythe, of Matthews, N. C., is visiting relatives and friends in this section.

After a seven-weeks drouth of unprecedented hot weather, we are now enjoying fine rains, though it is too late to be of much benefit to the cotton crop, which is short, shorter, shortest, and lots more short. May the Lord send us another short one with a price to fit, is the prayer of this old rebel.

The corn crop is fairly good and persimmons are getting ripe, and as a result Gold Hillites are very saucy.

There is a new girl babe at the home of Mr. W. H. Crook, who is stepping high.

The candidates having disappeared from among us, our dogs are resting from their labors, though some of them are very hoarse.

SPLINTER.

Local Items.

Work was suspended for the week at the upper mill yesterday morning for the purpose of repairing the boilers.

Delinquent subscribers to whom this paper has been sent since publication was resumed by the present management are requested to pay up as soon as possible. We need the money.

Read and think over the advertisement of Meacham & Epps, which appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. S. A. Epps, the buyer for this firm, recently returned from the Northern markets, whither he went to purchase their fall and winter stock. They are offering the latest in their line at prices which are interesting.

Members of the Baptist church in this place are looking forward to the meeting of the York Baptist Association which will be held in their church from the 19th to the 21st of October, and members of other churches and citizens of the town who are willing to aid in entertaining the delegates are requested to leave their names, together with the number of delegates they can entertain, with Mr. S. A. Epps. The committee would thank those who will help them to respond as early as possible.

Fort Mill is to lose another valued citizen. Mr. J. T. Mackey has resigned the position of secretary and treasurer of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Company and will move to Lancaster within two weeks to assume the duties of cashier of the Lancaster bank. Mr. Mackey came to this place from Lancaster a few years ago and during his short stay in our midst has built up a number of friends. At the last meeting held in this place one of the ward superintendents Sunday

Mackey's successor as secretary and treasurer of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Company is Mr. J. E. Williamson, of Newport, Tenn., who has also been made superintendent of the mills. Mr. Williamson was superintendent of the Ossipee mills in North Carolina at one time.

Sons of Presidents.

President McKinley is the first president without children since the term of Buchanan, and Buchanan was a bachelor. The two daughters born to the McKinleys died in infancy.

Presidents' sons are somehow considerably unfortunate. Each one is handicapped from the start by being the son of a great man, and hence he seldom accomplishes much in American politics. Even if they have ability they get no credit for it. Whatever they achieve it is attributed to the fact their fathers were presidents.

There are 11 sons of presidents living. The oldest is Robert T. Lincoln, a rich lawyer in Chicago, and at the head of the Pullman Car company. He has been secretary of war and minister to England, but he has taken no active part in every day politics. All honors he has achieved have been by appointment, not by election.

Andrew Jackson had one son who grew to manhood, but died years ago. President Grant's three sons are living. Gen. Fred Grant is commanding a brigade in the Philippines. Ulysses and the youngest son are in California. Both married rich wives, and "Buck," the elder, has been ambitious of late to enter the United States senate. Gen. Fred Grant was in politics for a time, but was defeated for secretary of state in New York. After that he was a police commissioner.

President Hayes has four sons, and all are living. Not one of them has ever manifested a desire to enter politics. Burchard, the eldest, is a lawyer in Toledo. Webb was a business man in Cleveland before he went into the Spanish war. Rutherford was a bank clerk in Fremont, until he married, and then became a book reclus in Columbus. Scott Hayes, the youngest, who was a boy when his father was president, is now living in Cleveland, representing manufacturers.

President Garfield also had four sons, who were all under age when he was elected 20 years ago. Harry, the oldest, is a lawyer in Cleveland and president of the board of trade; James B. is the only one of the four ambitious of political preferment. He has served two terms in the Ohio senate and some day hopes to take his father's place in Congress.

Abram and Irwin, the youngest boys, are now young men living in Boston, and both are lawyers.

President Arthur's son, Alan, has lived in Europe since his father's death. He came home after McKinley's election and wanted an appointment. McKinley, the friend of Blaine and Hayes, did not take kindly to the proposition, and young Arthur went back and married a widow.

President Cleveland has one son, about two years old. President Harrison has one son, Russell B., who is now in the army. He secured his commission without his father's help, for, in fact, Harrison the elder would ask no favors from the administration.

Milch Cow For Sale.

A good, gentle cow with young calf. Apply to W. B. ARDREY.

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We have the largest and nicest assortment of Stationery and School Supplies ever seen in Fort Mill. Twenty different styles of box papers, from 5 cents per box to the very latest design and quality.

For school use we have tablets in any desired shape and quality. Inks—black, red, and white—mucilage, pencils—black and colored—note books, chalk, and the handsomest line of

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Our stock is now complete in all departments. Although cotton is higher than it has been for several years, most of our prices are as low as ever, some things much lower. We have so many new things that it is useless to attempt to describe them here, but if you will call at our stores we will take pleasure in showing you the largest and prettiest stock of goods ever shown here before. For several reasons we will not employ a milliner this season, but have a small but well selected stock of the latest styles in Trimmed Hats, which we can afford to sell very low, as we save about a hundred dollars milliner's salary, which we propose to give our customers the full benefit of in the way of low prices.

L. J. MASSEY.

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS.

Our shelves and counters are groaning under their load of the season's choicest goods. We have the largest, finest, and prettiest line of FALL and WINTER GOODS we have ever had the pleasure of showing. We made special efforts in LADIES' DRESS GOODS, and we have succeeded in collecting the handsomest line ever displayed in Fort Mill. We give a few of the leading ones for this season: Broadcloths, Bebel Cheviots, Venetian's Camel-Hair Cheviots, Zibu lines. We have all these goods in the leading shades. They are elegant for skirts and coat suits, and best of all they are cheap. Also French Flannel for shirt waists in the best shades at 50 and 60 cents.

Miss Fravor, our milliner, says she will have the prettiest display of FALL HATS she has ever had. She is hard at work preparing for our Fall Opening, about which we will let you know next week.

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